



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03327.2333-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Yasuhiro OKUMOTO et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1792
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Application No.: 10/539,246	)	
	)	Examiner: Empie, Nathan H.
Filed: May 9, 2006	)	
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For: PROCESSING METHOD AND	)	Confirmation No.: 9261
PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2009, the period for response to which has been extended through July 24, 2009, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks.

**Remarks** begin on page 2.